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LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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Leadership In Times Of Crises

Your job gives you authority, your behavior gives you respect.

- Irwin Federman, Harvard Business

Leadership is An Attitude and A Process

"The [prosecutor] is a representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it should win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in a particular and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor — indeed, he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is a much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one."

Berger v. United States, 295 U.S. 78 (1935)

Leadership Is About Relationships



Highest Ethical Leadership

"The qualities of a good prosecutor are as elusive and as impossible to define as those which mark a gentleman. And those who need to be told would not understand it anyway. A sensitiveness to fair play and sportsmanship is perhaps the best protection against the abuse of power, and the citizen's safety lies in the prosecutor who tempers zeal with human kindness, who seeks truth and not victims, who serves the law and not factional purposes, and who approaches his task with humility."

-Attorney General (later Justice) Robert Jackson (1940)

Fairness Rule 3.8

Comment 1:

The Responsibility as a Minister of Justice

What does this mean?

- Agent of Justice
- Clergy of Justice

We Play Offense

- Make things happen
- Delay is the tool of the defense
- The State is ALWAYS Ready
- Waiting for communicationDoes Not = Power

Self Development and Community Development

Only three things happen naturally in organizations: friction, confusion, and underperformance.

Everything else requires leadership.

With Power Comes Obligation

- Personal liberty is the highest stake
- Fight the fights that need to be fought
- It is better to give than withhold

Do the RIGHT thing to the RIGHT people at the RIGHT time for the RIGHT reasons

- Jim Dedman

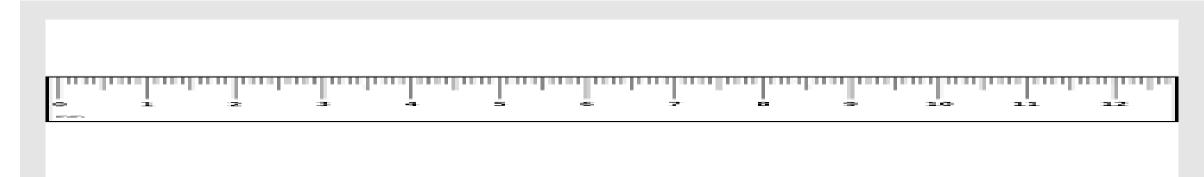


Example is not the main thing influencing people, it is the only thing.

Practice the Golden Rule

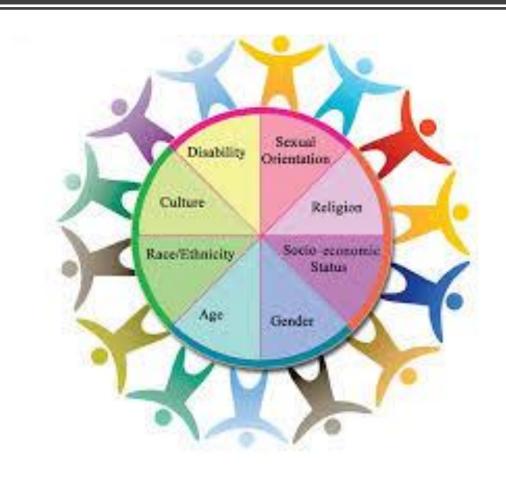






Challenge the Process





I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career.

I've lost almost 300 games.

26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed.

I've failed over and over and over in my life.

And that is way I SUCCEED.



"It is what you learn after you know it all that counts."

John Wooden former UCLA coach

Victims Deserve the Best Lawyers

Leave the Woodpile Higher Than You Found It

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt